

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2466—Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8423–S8530

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1362–1371, and S. Res. 138–140. **Page S8505**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1248, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration. (S. Rept. No. 106–107)

S. Res. 138, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 139, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page S8505**

Measures Passed:

Military Construction Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of June 15, 1999, Senate passed H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1205, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on June 16, 1999. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair, as authorized, appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Burns, Hutchison, Craig, Kyl, Stevens, Murray, Reid, Inouye, and Byrd. **Page S8504**

Subsequently, passage of S. 1205 was vitiated and then indefinitely postponed. **Page S8504**

Patients' Bill of Rights Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1344, to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans

and other health coverage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 203), Snowe Amendment No. 1241 (to Amendment No. 1239), to enhance breast cancer treatment by requiring certain coverage for minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissections for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations. **Pages S8438–56**

Dodd Amendment No. 1239 (to Amendment No. 1232), to provide coverage for individuals participating in approved clinical trials and for approved drugs and medical devices. **Pages S8429–71**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 204), Daschle (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1242 (to Amendment No. 1239), to ensure that the protections provided for in the Patients' Bill of Rights apply to all patients with private health insurance. **Pages S8456–71**

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 205), Kennedy (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1245 (to Amendment No. 1243), to guarantee access to specialty care. **Pages S8481–S8501**

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 1232, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8429–S8501**

Collins Amendment No. 1243 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1232), to expand deductibility of long-term care to individuals; expand direct access to obstetric and gynecological care; provide timely access to specialists; and expand patient access to emergency medical care. **Pages S8471–81**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for an amendment to be offered at 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 15, 1999. **Page S8530**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert A. Katzmman, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James J. Brady, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Charles A. Pannell, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Florence-Marie Cooper, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Kenneth W. Kizer, of California, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 1999.

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Messages From the House:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—205)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 15, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8530.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COUNTERDRUG OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittees on Defense and Military Construction concluded joint hearings on Department of Defense forward operating locations for counterdrug operations, focusing

on Panama, after receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command.

RURAL HOSPITAL CARE COSTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on health care cost issues affecting rural hospitals, focusing on the effects of the passage of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and Medicare's payment policies, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Berinson, Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, and Roland E. King, former Chief Actuary, both of the Health Care Financing Administration, and Claude Earl Fox, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; G. Douglas Higginbotham, South Central Regional Medical Center, Laurel, Mississippi; Anne Klawiter, Southwest Health Center, Platteville, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Federation of American Health Systems; and Debra L. Griffin, Humphreys County Memorial Hospital, Belzoni, Mississippi.

TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine transportation conformity activities under the Clean Air Act and the effect recent litigation may have on this program, and S. 1053, to amend the Clean Air Act to incorporate certain provisions of the transportation conformity regulations, as in effect on March 1, 1999, after receiving testimony from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, and Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; E. Dean Carlson, Kansas Department of Transportation, Topeka, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Jack L. Stephens, Jr., Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Atlanta, Georgia; Jacob L. Snow, Clark County Regional Transportation Commission, Las Vegas, Nevada; Mark Pisano, Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles; Michael A. Replogle, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.; and Jack Kinstlinger, KCI Technologies, Inc., Hunt Valley, Maryland, on behalf of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association.

GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRADE POLICY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade concluded hearings on managing global and regional trade policy without fast track negotiating authority, after receiving testimony from former Representative Sam M. Gibbons; Richard W. Fisher, Deputy United States Trade Representative; David L. Aaron, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Robert D. Hormats, Goldman Sachs, International, New York, New York; and William T. Pryce, Council of the Americas, Washington, D.C., former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras.

FEDERALISM ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1214, to ensure the liberties of the people by promoting federalism, to protect the reserved powers of the States, to impose accountability for Federal preemption of State and local laws, after receiving testimony from John Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Randy Moss, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Delaware Governor Thomas R. Carper, Dover, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; North Dakota State Representative John Dorso, Bismarck, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Mayor Alexander G. Fekete, Pembroke Pines, Florida, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Ernest Gellhorn, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; Caleb Nelson, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore.

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine competition and consumer choice in broadband, high-speed Internet services and technologies, focusing on the impact of recent consolidation in the communications industry, after receiving testimony from C. Michael Armstrong, AT&T Corporation, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Ivan G. Seidenberg, Bell Atlantic Corporation, New York, New York; Alex J. Mandl, Teligent, Inc., Vienna, Virginia; William L. Schrader, PSINet, Inc., Herndon, Virginia; Anna-Maria Kovacs, Janney Montgomery Scott, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; and Kevin M. Moore, Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown, Baltimore, Maryland.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Family and Medical Leave Act and to discuss the President's proposals to extend the Act's benefits and fund research to provide information on the Act's impact on American families, after receiving testimony from John R. Fraser, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; Edward F. Harold, McCalla, Thompson, Pyburn, Hymowitz, and Shapiro, New Orleans, Louisiana; Deanna R. Gelak, Society for Human Resource Management, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Family and Medical Leave Act Technical Corrections Coalition; Kimberley K. Hostetler, Connecticut Hospital Association, Wallingford, on behalf of the Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce; Ellen Bravo, 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Eric J. Oxfield, UWC—Strategic Services on Unemployment and Workers' Compensation, Washington, D.C.

INDIAN TRUST FUND REFORM

Committee on Indian Affairs/Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committees concluded joint oversight hearings on the General Accounting Office report on Interior Department's planned trust fund reform, after receiving testimony from Keith A. Rhodes, Director, Office of Computer and Information Technology Assessment, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Mark Fox, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota, on behalf of the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds; and Donald T. Gray, Lillick and Charles, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 139) authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, July 21.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2503–2526; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 154–155 and H. Res. 248, were introduced. **Pages H5570–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1995, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, reauthorize the Reading Excellence Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–232 part 1);

Report on revised suballocation of Budget Allocations for fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–233);

H. Res. 246, providing for consideration of H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–234); and

H. Res. 247, providing for consideration of H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–235). **Page H5570**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Taylor of North Carolina to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5461**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Sam Whaley of Spindale, North Carolina. **Page H5461**

Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 377 yeas to 47 nays, Roll No. 296. The House completed general debate and began considering amendments on July 13. **Pages H5466–H5568**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment that increases funding for land acquisition, urban parks, strategic petroleum reserve, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 295. **Pages H5566–67**

On a demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Klink amendment that prohibits funding by the Park Service to implement alternatives B, C, or D, identified in the Final Management Plan and Envi-

ronmental Impact Statement for Gettysburg National Military Park, dated June 1999, dealing with the visitors center by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 206 noes, Roll No. 294. The amendment was previously agreed to in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H5566**

Agreed to:

The Sanders amendment that increases funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program by \$13 million and reduces Strategic Petroleum Reserve funding accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 284);

Pages H5473–79, H5482–83

The Young of Florida amendment that reduces land acquisition funding by \$5 million, increases clean coal technology deferral by \$66 million, and imposes a 0.48 percent reduction to each account, program, activity, and project; **Pages H5505–07**

The Rahall amendment that prohibits funding to process applications for approval of patents, plans of operations, or amendments to plans in contravention of the opinion dated November 7, 1997, by the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior that limits the disposal of mining waste to five acres (agreed to by a recorded vote of 273 yeas to 151 noes, Roll No. 288); **Pages H5509–19, H5559–60**

The Klink amendment that prohibits funding by the Park Service to implement alternatives B, C, or D, identified in the Final Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Gettysburg National Military Park dated June 1999 dealing with the visitors center (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 290);

Pages H5531–34, H5561

The Farr amendment that prohibits the use of any jawed leghold trap or neck snare in any unit of the National Wildlife Refuge except for research, subsistence, conservation, or facilities protection (agreed to by a recorded vote of 259 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 291); **Pages H5540–43, H5561–62**

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to strike the requirement for a 25 percent cost share by states for Weatherization Assistance grants (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 285);

Pages H5479–83

The Slaughter amendment that sought to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities, each by \$10 million and decrease Strategic Petroleum Reserve funding by \$20 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 217 noes, Roll No. 286);

Pages H5483–94, H5503–04

The Stearns amendment that sought to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$2 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 287);

Pages H5496–H5502, H5504–05

The DeFazio amendment that sought to prohibit funding by the Forest Service for the recreational fee demonstration program authorized by section 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 for units of the National Forest System;

Pages H5534–40

The Weldon of Florida amendment that sought to prohibit funding to approve class III gaming on Indian lands by any means other than a Tribal-State compact entered into between a State and a tribe (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 289);

Pages H5520–30, H5560–61

The Tancredo amendment that sought to reduce Forest and Rangeland Research funding by \$16.9 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 292); and

Pages H5543–47, H5562–63

The Wu amendment that sought to allocate National Forest System funding levels by decreasing timber sales management funding to \$196.8 million and increasing wildlife and fisheries habitat management funding to \$120.4 million and watershed improvements funding to \$40.1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 293).

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Withdrawn:

The Stearns amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to allocate National Endowment for the Arts grants to the States on the basis of population;

Pages H5502–03

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Language on page 37 line 23 through page 38 line 13;

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Language on page 76 line 16 through line 22;

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Language on page 80 line 11 through line 23;

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H. Res. 243, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 13.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5573–74.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5482–83, H5483, H5503–04, H5504–05, H5559–60, H5560–61, H5561, H5561–62, H5562–63, H5563, H5566, H5567, and H5568. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:24 p.m. on July 15.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Department of Energy reorganization. Testimony was heard from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs, Department of Energy.

AGING CRISIS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on the Aging Crisis and H.R. 202, Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens into the 21st Century Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW HEALTHY ARE THE GOVERNMENT'S MEDICARE FRAUD FIGHTERS?

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on How Healthy Are the Government's Medicare Fraud Fighters? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: George Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluations and Inspection; Jack Hartwig, Deputy Inspector General, Investigation; Marjorie Kanoph, M.D., Deputy Director, Medicare Contractor Management, Center for Beneficiary Services and Penny Thompson, Director, Program Integrity Group, both with the Health Care Financing Administration; the following officials of the GAO: Leslie G. Aronovitz, CPA, Manager, Chicago Field Office; and Robert H. Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Office of Special Investigations; and public witnesses.

COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION REFORM ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 1102, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act.

UNITED NATIONS—TREATMENT OF ISRAEL

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Treatment of Israel by the United Nations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: David Welch, Assistant Secretary, International Organization Affairs; and Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and public witnesses.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, providing one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill. The rule authorizes the chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe, Tiahrt, Weldon of Florida, Hoyer, Maloney of New York, Wexler and Hoeffel.

AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2415, American Embassy Security Act of 1999 providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule provides that before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the first amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Gilman or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 min-

utes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order are waived against that amendment. The rule provides that no further amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the Rules Committee report and the amendments en bloc described in section 2 of the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule authorizes the chairman of the Committee on International Relations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules or germane modifications of any such amendment which shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, after passage of H.R. 2415, it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill S. 886 and to consider the Senate bill in the House. The rule waives all points of order against the Senate bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that it shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 2415 as passed by the House and waives all points of order against that motion. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representatives Goodling, Smith of New Jersey, Campbell, Rohrabacher, Sanford, Greenwood, Bilbray, Gibbons, Gejdenson, McKinney, Delahunt, Traficant, Engel, Waters, Maloney of New York, Jackson of Illinois, Kucinich, Tierney, Capuano, Capps and Weiner.

**NETWORKING AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT**

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999.

ENCRYPTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Encryption. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Janet Reno, Attorney General; and Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI; John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense; and Thomas Constantine, former Director, DEA, Department of Justice.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JULY 15, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings on the official dollarization in Latin America, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, with the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold joint hearings on the official dollarization in Latin America, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing expenditures by the committee; to be followed by hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Transportation Safety Board, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to resume hearings on S. 161, to provide for a transition to market-based rates for power sold by the Federal Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority; S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; and S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing expenditures by the committee, 3:30 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing expenditures by the committee, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing expenditures by the committee, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business: business meeting to mark up S. 1156, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies; S. 1346, to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration; and H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, 9 a.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings on state and local preparedness for year 2000, 9 a.m., SD-192.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on the following: H.R. 2389, County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999; and a legislative alternative submitted to Congress by the U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2000, 9 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on Electricity Competition, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on H.R. 2470, Medical Information Protection and Research Enhancement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Elementary and Secondary Education Act-Educating Diverse Populations, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 88, to amend the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999, to repeal the requirement regarding data produced under Federal grants and agreements awarded to institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Credit for Early Action: Win-Win or Kyoto Through the Front Door, 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act; and H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the Shoot Down of the "Brothers to the Rescue" Planes, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Yellowfin Tuna, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 940, Lackawanna Valley Heritage Act of 1999; H.R. 1165, Black Canyon National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999; H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 2435, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House; and H.R. 2438, Gettysburg Preservation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act, time to be announced, H-313 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, hearing on Cooperation, Comity, and Confrontation: Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up H.R. 2116, Veterans' Millennium Health Care Act, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on VA's experience in implementing patient enrollment under P.L. 104-262, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1344, Patients' Bill of Rights Act, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 15

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act (structured rule, one hour of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2490, Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2000 (open rule, one hour of general debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2415, American Embassy Security Act of 1999 (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

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